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RE: OLP Docket No. 100

Dear Assistant Attorney General Hertling,

I strongly encourage the Attorney General to recommend that all arrest records be automatically expunged if there is no conviction.

Maintaining arrest records where there is not conviction certainly has a profound racist impact. Also, there must be an automatic expungement. To do otherwise is classism.

To eliminate completely and self-actingly non-convicted arrests will dramatically increase the potential for employment for all these people, many of who are minorities who cannot afford or understand how to have an arrest record expunged.

Although most states are moving in this direction, we urge the Attorney General to announce that this is an absolute civil right.

Whatever consideration you give to this comment will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles Sullivan
Executive Director